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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

After reviewing various department and agency statements made at the last meeting of the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee (IMAC) held on September 19, 1961, questions have been raised about the feasibility of declassifying data on stockpile inventories and objectives on an item-by-item basis, with particular attention to the possibility of declassifying data on those materials already far in excess of stockpile objectives and those materials which are used commonly by many industries. (See attached table).

I am asking all agencies represented on IMAC to inform me promptly of (a) each of the 76 materials on the stockpile list for which they believe classification should be retained on (1) stockpile inventories and/or (2) stockpile objectives; (b) the specific reasons for retention of classification; and (c) the level of classification necessary. I shall appreciate having the views of your agency on these same points.

In order that this Office may be able to meet the deadline set by the White House for the resolution of these questions, will you please arrange to have your response delivered to my office (Room 103, Executive Office Building) by Special Messenger as soon as possible but not later than the close of business, October 3.

Sincerely,

Signae.

Director

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